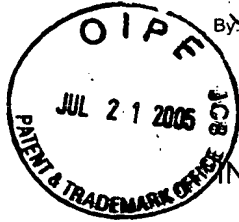


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INVENTOR(S) : Boland, et al.

TITLE : **APPARATUS, METHOD AND SYSTEM
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**RESPONSE TO STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE
AND TELEPHONE INTERVIEW SUMMARIES**

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Dear Sir:

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication as to the allowance of the present application.

Applicants do, however, not acquiesce to the reasons set out in the Statements of Reasons for Allowance. For example, while applicants believe that the claims are allowable, applicants do not acquiesce that patentability resides only in the features, exactly as expressed in the claims, that each feature of the claims is required for patentability nor that the reasons referenced and/or expressly stated by the Examiner are the only reasons the claims are allowable.

Telephone Interview Summaries

On or about May 18, 2005, the Examiner called one of the Applicants' representatives, Mr. Joseph D. Dreher, and suggested that the Applicants cancel claims 39-43 and indicated that the remaining claims were allowable.

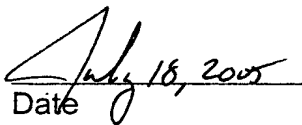
Another of the Applicants' representatives, Mr. Thomas Tillander, returned the Examiner's call later that day or the following day. Claims 1 and 39-43 were discussed. No agreement was reached.

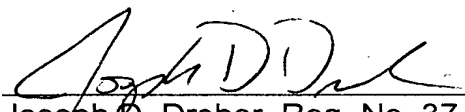
On or about May 20, 2005, Mr. Tillander and the Examiner spoke again. It was agreed that claim 39 would be amended by Examiner's amendment as indicated on pages 2 and 3 of the Detailed Action that was mailed with the Notice of Allowance, and that claim 43 would be canceled.

On or about May 24, 2005, the Examiner left a message for Mr. Tillander suggesting possible obviousness-type double patenting issues with respect to Application No. 09/591,471. Mr. Tillander returned the Examiner's call and submitted that the '471 application was related to a process that is performed when required information is already available and that the present application was related to a process wherein certain information must be retrieved. It was agreed that it was likely no double patenting issue existed. However, the Examiner indicated he would confer with colleagues regarding the issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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SUBMISSION OF AMENDED DRAWINGS
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Dear Sir:

The Notice of Allowability mailed June 8, 2005 indicated that corrected formal drawings were required. Three formal Replacement Sheets (FIGS. 1-4) are being submitted herewith. It is respectfully submitted that the drawings include only changes in form and include no new matter.

No additional fee is believed due however, if this is not the case, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any and all fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.

An early indication of acceptability of the Amended Drawings is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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